

July 11, 2006, terrorist attacks in India and expressing condolences to the families of the victims and sympathy to the people of India.” **Page H5435**

Presidential Veto Message—Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005: Read a message from the President wherein he announces his veto of H.R. 810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, and explains his reasons therefor—ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–127). **Pages H5435–51**

Subsequently, the House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.R. 810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 388 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override). **Pages H5450–51**

Subsequently, the message and the bill were referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H5451**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measures is expected to resume tomorrow, July 20th:

Commending the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the completion of the Space Shuttle's second Return-to-Flight mission: H. Con. Res. 448, to commend the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the completion of the Space Shuttle's second Return-to-Flight mission; and **Pages H5419–22**

Condemning the recent attacks against the State of Israel, holding terrorists and their state-sponsors accountable for such attacks, supporting Israel's right to defend itself: H. Res. 921, to condemn the recent attacks against the State of Israel, holding terrorists and their state-sponsors accountable for such attacks, supporting Israel's right to defend itself (agreed by unanimous consent to extend the time for debate). **Pages H5451–80**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on page H5383.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5396, H5397, H5432–33, H5433, H5434, H5434–35 and H5450–51. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

GUEST WORKER PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled “Guest Worker Programs: Impact on

the American Workforce and U.S. Immigration Policy.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN SCHEDULE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “DOE's Revised Schedule for Yucca Mountain.” Testimony was heard from Edward F. Sproat, III, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

CLIMATE CHANGE ASSESSMENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Questions Surrounding the ‘Hockey Stick’ Temperature Studies: Implications for Climate Change Assessments.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NONADMITTED AND REINSURANCE REFORM ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5637, Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2006.

COIN AND CURRENCY ISSUES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “Coin and Currency Issues Facing Congress: Can We Still Afford Money?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Larry Felix, Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing; and David A. Lebryk, Acting Director, U.S. Mint; Louise Roseman, Director, Division of Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Scott Johnson, Deputy Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigative Division, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; Brent D. Glass, Director, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution; and public witnesses.

CUTTING GOVERNMENT WASTE

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Cutting Out the Waste: An Overview of H.R. 5766, Government Efficiency Act; and H.R. 3282, Abolishment of Obsolete Agencies and Federal Sunset Act of 2005.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Tiahrt and Brady of Texas; and public witnesses.

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
AUTHORIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007**

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5814, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5414, To enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, "Public Contracts;" H.R. 3509, amended, Workplace Goods Job Growth and Competitiveness Act of 2005; and H.R. 5535, amended, Prevention of Civil RICO Abuse Act of 2006.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 1704, Second Chance Act of 2005.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 138, amended, To revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Jekyll Island Unit GA-06P; H.R. 383, amended, Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail Designation Act of 2005; H.R. 631, To provide for acquisition of subsurface mineral rights to land owned by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and land held in trust for the Tribe; H.R. 1796, Mississippi River Trail Study Act; H.R. 2110, amended, Colorado Northern Front Range Mountain Backdrop Protection Study Act; H.R. 2334, amended, City of Oxnard Water Recycling and Desalination Act of 2005; H.R. 3350, Tribal Development Corporation Feasibility Study Act of 2005; H.R. 3534, Piedras Blancs Historic Light Station Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2005; H.R. 3961, To authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Service Administration Indefinite Deliver/Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grant Canyon National Park; H.R. 4382, Southern Nevada Readiness Center Act; H.R. 4588, amended, Water Resources Research Act Amendments of 2005; H.R. 4750, amended, Lower Republican River Basin Study Act; H.R. 4789, amended, To require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington to the utility district; H.R. 4857, Endangered Species Compliance and Transparency Act of 2006; H.R. 4957, amended, Tylersville Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; H.R. 5016, amended, Las Cienegas Enhancement Act; H.R. 5025, amended, Mount Hood Stewardship Legacy Act; H.R. 5132, amended, River Basin National Battlefield Study Act; H.R. 5381, National Fish Hatchery System Volunteer Act of 2006; H.R.

5539, amended, North American Wetlands Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2006; H.R. 5802, amended, NPS Concessions Reform Act of 2006, H.R. 3603, amended, Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act; and H.R. 233, Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act.

**UNITED STATES-OMAN FREE TRADE
AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 3, a closed rule providing 2 hours of debate in the House on H.R. 5684, United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that pursuant to section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion. Finally, the rule provides that during consideration of the bill, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker in consonance with section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shaw and Cardin.

VOTING MACHINES

Committee on Science: and the Committee on House Administration, held a joint hearing on Voting Machines: Will New Standards and Guidelines Prevent Future Problems? Testimony was heard from Donetta Davidson, Commissioner, Election Assistance Commission; William Jeffrey, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary, State of Minnesota; Linda Lamone, Administrator of Elections, Board of Elections, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5483, Railroad Retirement Disability Earnings Act; H.R. 5782, amended, Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2006; H.R. 5808, amended, Public Transportation Security Assistance Act of 2006; H.R. 5810, amended, To amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to authorize funding for brownfields revitalization activities and State response programs; H.R. 5830, Wright Amendment Reform Act; H.R. 5811, amended, MARPOL Annex VI Implementation Act of 2006; and H.R. 4653, To repeal a prohibition on the use of certain funds for tunneling in certain areas with

respect to the Los Angeles to San Fernando Metro Rail project, California.

The Committee also approved GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions.

OVERSIGHT—TRANSIT SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Transit Safety: the Federal Transit Administration's State Safety Oversight Program. Testimony was heard from Susan E. Schruth, Associate Administrator, Program Management, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Kate Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS CLAIMS DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the role of national, state, and county veterans' service officers in claims development. Testimony was heard from Jack McCoy, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; COL. Warren R. McPherson, USMC (Ret.), Executive Director, Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Florida; Tim Tetz, Executive Director, Office of Veterans Services, State of Nevada; and representatives of veterans organizations.

WELFARE REFORM REVIEW

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing to Review Outcomes of 1996 Welfare Reforms. Testimony was heard from Senator Santorum; former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich of Georgia; Tommy G. Thompson, former Secretary of Health and Human Services; June O'Neill, former Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Testimony was heard from Judge Richard A. Posner, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine USDA dairy programs, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, H.R. 5385, making appropriations for the military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and H.R. 5576, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing regarding overhead imagery systems, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Ray Correll, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and Mark Myers, of Alaska, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, both of the Department of the Interior, and Drue Pearce, of Alaska, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy options regarding North Korea, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to receive a closed briefing regarding Iran, 11 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine Iran's nuclear impasse, focusing on the status of Iran's nuclear weapons capabilities, European negotiations and the UN Security Council, and the feasibility of further negotiations, democracy promotion, sanctions, and/or military operations, 1:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine "VA Data Privacy Breach: Twenty-Six Million People Deserve Assurance of Future Security", 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the generic drug maze relating to access to affordable, life-saving drugs, 10 a.m., SD-106.